

Implementing the Watershed Planning Act: Report for 1998 & 1999



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Watershed Planning Act - Purpose (RCW 90.82.005).

“The purpose of the Act is to develop a more thorough and cooperative method of determining what the current water resource situation is in each water resource inventory area (WRIA) of the state and to provide local citizens with the maximum possible input concerning their goals and objectives for water resource management and development.”

Watershed Planning Act - Findings (RCW 90.82.010).

“The legislature finds that the local development of watershed plans for managing water resources and for protecting existing water rights is vital to both state and local interests. The local development of these plans serves vital local interests by placing it in the hands of people: Who have the greatest knowledge of both the resources and the aspirations of those who live and work in the watershed; and who have the greatest stake in the proper, long-term management of the resources. The development of such plans serves the state’s vital interests by ensuring that the state’s water resources are used wisely, by protecting existing water rights, by protecting instream flows for fish, and by providing for the economic well-being of the state’s citizenry and communities. Therefore, the legislature believes it necessary for units of local government throughout the state to engage in the orderly development of these watershed plans.”

The following has been accomplished since the enactment of the Watershed Planning Act



Financial Assistance: Provided through Department of Ecology

✠ \$3.9 million dollars were appropriated for watershed planning during the first year.

✠ That money went to 27 water resource inventory areas (WRIAs) to create 19 planning units. Seven tribes serve as initiating governments, and 12 serving on planning units.

✠ Grant money is provided up front to the lead agency instead of using cost reimbursement.

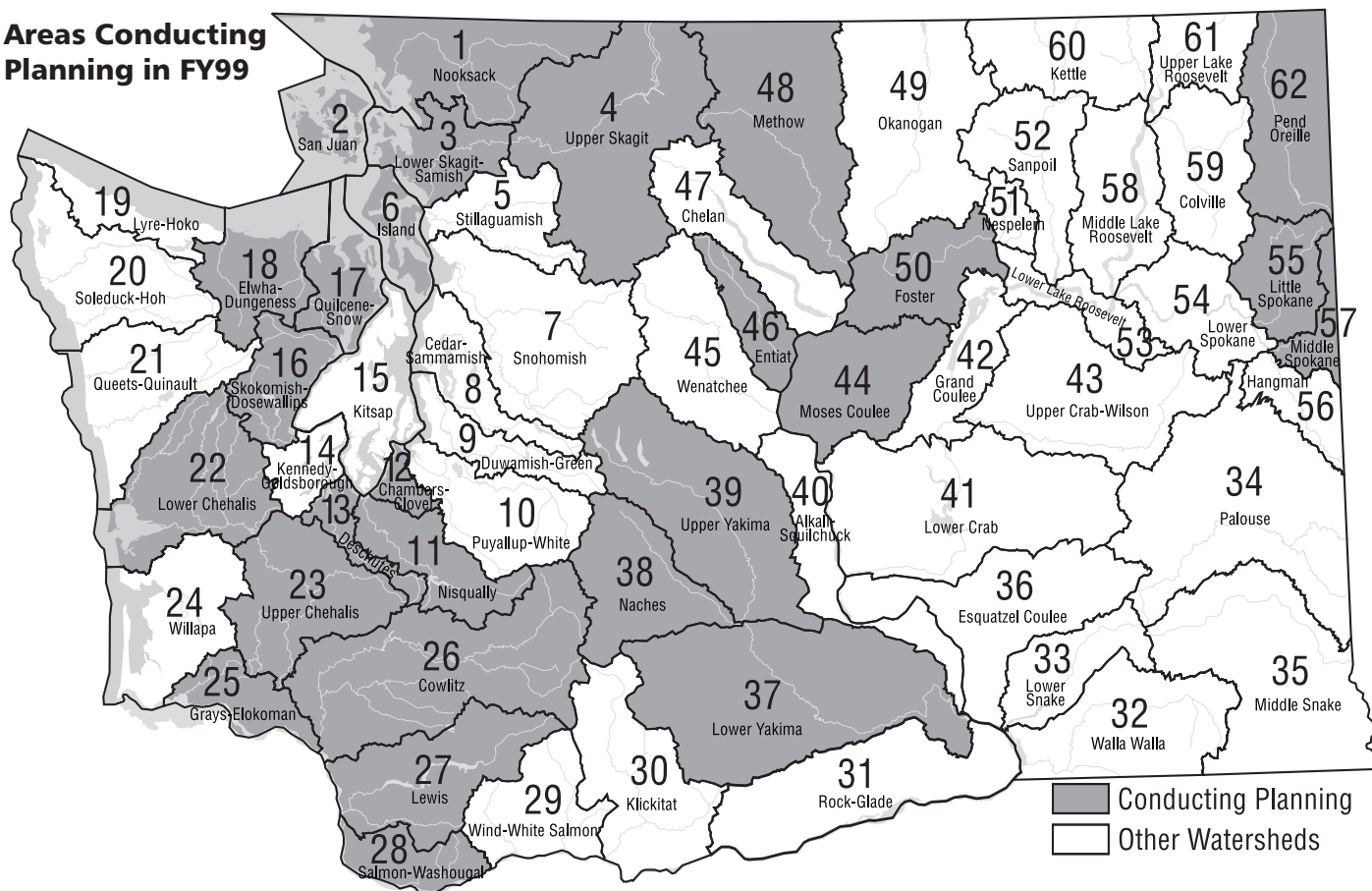
Technical Assistance: Provided by the Department of Ecology and Others

✠ A guidance manual was produced entitled *Guide to Watershed Planning and Management* under the direction of:

- Association of Washington Cities
- Washington State Association of Counties
- Washington State Water Resources Association
- Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts
- Washington Public Utility Districts Association
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Health
- Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Department of Community Trade and Economic Development

Each planning unit has been provided with a box of 25 manuals.

Areas Conducting Planning in FY99



✖ Four workshops were held across the state to provide training on the Watershed Planning Act. The purpose of the workshops was to introduce the watershed planning guidance manual and address issues and concerns different people had regarding the Act.

✖ One concern that was expressed about the watershed guidance manual was the lack of information on education and outreach. In response to this, Ecology sponsored a training workshop for planning units and lead agencies entitled *Getting In Step: A guide to effective outreach in your watershed*.

✖ Ecology developed a watershed planning Web site to provide information on watershed planning activities across the state and to encourage planning groups to network and share progress.

State Coordination

✖ The Watershed Planning Act allows state agencies to organize to:

- Ensure that agencies are represented during the planning process, whether or not they are able to sit at the planning table, and
- To coordinate efforts to provide assistance to the planning unit.

All of the state's natural-resource agencies developed and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on how to coordinate their salmon recovery and watershed planning activities. Each agency identified a statewide lead (staff person to represent the agency) for implementing watershed planning and salmon recovery. This group of agency contacts, referred to as the Statewide Leads, meets regularly to discuss coordination issues and to assign regional staff to sit at the local watershed caucus of state agencies.

✖ Ecology, Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) and the Conservation Commission organized and held a one-day training on working with the MOU. This workshop explained how coordination on the Salmon Recovery Act and the Watershed Planning Act should occur in each of the watersheds.

✖ Ecology coordinated, through the Governor's Office, a local watershed caucus (each natural resource agency assigns staff to the caucus) for each planning unit. The purpose of the caucus is to make sure agencies are kept up to date on the planning and salmon recovery efforts, to identify planning issues important to their agencies and to coordinate on issues. Attached is a sample of the Governor's letter designating agency participation on the planning unit. Signatory agencies have agreed to speak with one voice for the state where there is a need to speak with one voice at the planning unit table.

✖ Ecology's watershed leads meet regularly to discuss issues of mutual concern and coordinate the activities in their basins with those in other areas.

Issues

✖ Parts of the Puget Sound region have not participated in watershed planning because tribes within their area are apprehensive about watershed planning under the act.

✖ A number of the lead agencies, initiating governments and planning units have struggled to define consensus and to identify which members represent government. They have also struggled with defining the specific roles and responsibilities for the initiating governments, lead agency and the planning unit.

✖ Several planning units have found it necessary to develop processes that respect the government-to-government relationship among tribal, state and federal governments.

✖ The shift to local watershed planning, where the local planning unit defines how to proceed instead of the state or federal government defining what they want, has been difficult for some agencies (local, state and federal).

Financial Assistance: *Provided through Department of Ecology*

✠ The 1999 state legislature appropriated \$9 million for local watershed planning grants; \$4.5 million is appropriated each fiscal year, 1% is used to “defray administrative costs” [RCW 90.82.040(4)].

✠ The first \$4.5 million went to continued support of existing planning efforts and to fund the organization of 10 new planning units.

- \$481,882 was allocated for organizational activities.
- \$643,353 went for Phase 2 assessment work for the first half of the fiscal year.
- \$2.2 million is planned to go toward Phase 2 assessment work during the second half of the fiscal year (January-June 2000).
- \$1,129,765 million in grant funds have been earmarked for planning units that anticipate needing Phase 3 plan-development money in the second part of the fiscal year (January-June 2000).

Progress

PHASE 1: Organization of the Planning Unit

It appears to take about one year to get a planning unit organized and operating. Seventeen of the original 19 planning units had their planning units active and operating by the fall of 1999.

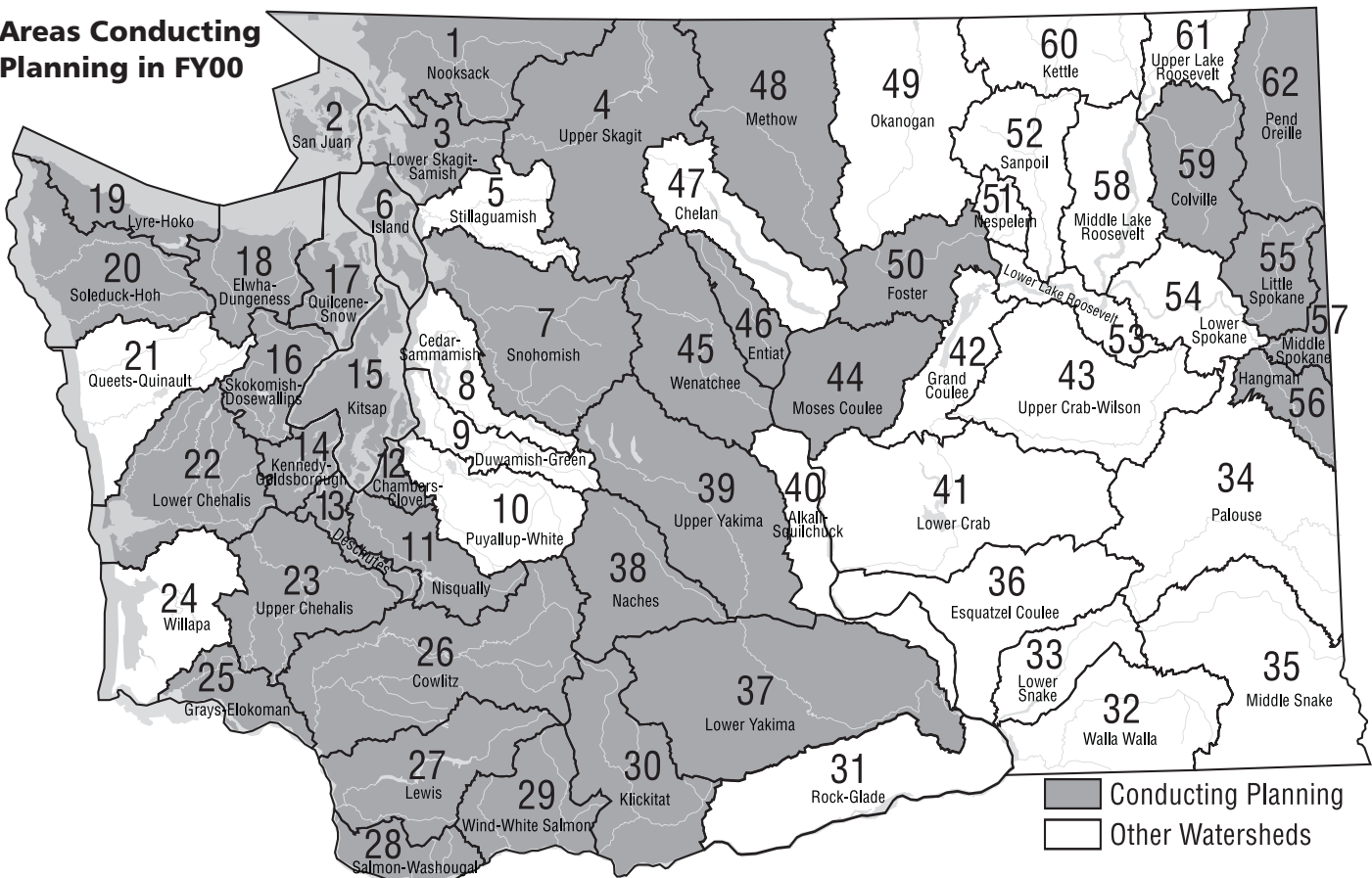
There are now 18 tribes participating in watershed planning under RCW 90.82. Fourteen are serving as initiating governments, one tribe is serving as a lead agency and one tribe is serving as co-lead agency.

PHASE 2: Conducting the Assessment

Out of the 17 planning units that are operating, 12 have begun assessment work on water quantity (as required) and the optional elements as indicated:

- WRIA 1 - Nooksack (water quality, habitat and instream flows)
- WRIA 2 - San Juan (water quality and habitat)
- WRIA 3/4 - Lower Skagit-Samish/Upper Skagit (instream flows)
- WRIA 11 - Nisqually (water quality and habitat)

Areas Conducting Planning in FY00



- WRIA 13 - Deschutes
(water quality, habitat and instream flows)
- WRIA 17 - Quilcene-Snow
(water quality, habitat and instream flows)
- WRIA 18 - Elwha-Dungeness
(water quality, habitat and instream flows)
- WRIA 22/23 - Lower Chehalis and Upper Chehalis (water quality and habitat)
- WRIs 37/38/39 - Lower Yakima, Naches and Upper Yakima (water quality and habitat)
- WRIA 46 - Entiat
(water quality, habitat and instream flows)
- WRIA 48 - Methow
(water quality, habitat and instream flows)
- WRIs 55/57 - Little Spokane and Middle Spokane (water quality and instream flows)

✦ The following planning units are scheduled to begin Phase 2 assessment work in the latter half of Fiscal Year 00:

- WRIA 6 - Island
- WRIA 12 - Chambers-Clover
- WRIA 25/26 - Grays-Elokoman/Cowlitz
- WRIA 27/28 - Lewis/Salmon-Washougal
- WRIA 30 - Klickitat
- WRIs 44/50 - Moses Coulee/Foster Creek
- WRIA 45 - Wenatchee
- WRIA 62 - Pend Oreille

✦ Out of the 12 planning units in the assessment phase, 11 are planning to include water quality, 10 will include habitat and 8 will address instream flows.

PHASE 3: Developing the Watershed Plan

The Elwha/Dungeness, Upper/Lower Yakima/Naches, Methow, and Upper/Lower Chehalis have indicated they will begin developing their plans this fiscal year and requested Phase 3 money.

Technical Assistance: Provided by Department of Ecology and Others

✦ Ecology put together two workshops entitled *Watershed Planning: A Training and Peer to Peer Sharing Workshop* in Moses Lake and Tacoma. The goals of these workshops were to provide an opportunity for planning units to share their experiences and to learn from each other as they move forward with watershed planning and to provide additional information on some of the technical aspects of watershed planning. Based on the feedback and attendance (over 200 people), Ecology will hold similar workshops next year.

✦ Ecology developed a recipe on how to complete a water budget. This was presented at the workshop to assist planning units with the required water quantity assessment.

✦ Ecology continues to provide guidance manuals to new planning units.

✦ Ecology is working with the Rivers Council of Washington to conduct a study to determine whether existing watershed councils or grass roots water groups are involved with watershed planning in their area.

✦ Currently there are 18 FTEs (15 Ecology, 2 WDFW and 1 Department of Health) that are funded by the Watershed Planning Act for providing direct support and assistance to each of the planning units conducting watershed planning. Ecology has also reassigned additional staff to provide support to watershed planning efforts (staffing flow measuring stations, completing models for flow data, and drafting instream flow rules). Ecology's staff are serving as watershed leads for the planning units, providing guidance to planning units on a variety of water issues such as water rights, development of water budgets, technical assistance on hydrology, and assistance on water quality.

✦ Department of Health (DOH) has developed a technical assistance package for watershed planning units. This package describes DOH programs related to watershed planning, identifies DOH's role in the watershed planning process and includes information on how to contact appropriate DOH staff and obtain DOH publications.

State Coordination

✘ Ecology organized two state watershed-lead caucuses to determine how coordination is occurring with the other agencies at the local watershed caucuses in the regions.

✘ Ecology's watershed leads are required, under the MOU signed by state natural resource agencies, to coordinate with other agency staff assigned to the local watershed caucus. Ecology leads are sending electronic updates to other agencies or are meeting directly with the caucuses to keep them up to date and to address specific issues.

✘ Ecology and the Department of Fish & Wildlife have added contract language to their grants that require the lead entity under the Salmon Recovery Act and the lead agency under the Watershed Planning Act to coordinate their efforts.

Issues

✘ Many of the planning units have planned to address each of the optional components. As they understand the complexity of the water quantity element and the limited amount of data, they have indicated a concern about having only \$200,000 to conduct the assessment studies.

✘ Maintaining and coordinating planning unit activities is an administrative cost for lead agencies. Lead agencies would like to have funding for administering the planning unit throughout the planning process.

✘ Several planning units are concerned that the four-year time frame allowed by the legislation will not be enough time to complete the required planning activities.

✘ The watershed assessment/water budget may or may not provide the information needed to move forward with water-rights decision-making and will depend on the following:

- Level of detail of the watershed assessment/budget.
- The complexity of the hydrology of the watershed.
- Whether the assessment indicates there is new water available.



Participation

For updated information or additional details please visit the Watershed Planning Website <http://www.wa.gov/ecology/watershed/>

Nooksack - WRIA 1

Lead Agency - Whatcom County

Initiating Governments - Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Whatcom County, Bellingham, PUD #1 of Whatcom County.

Planning Unit Representation - Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Whatcom County, Bellingham, PUD #1 of Whatcom County, Agriculture, Diking/Drainage, Environmental, Fishers, Forestry, Land Development, Non-municipal water users, Port, Private well owners, small cities, water districts, US Forest Service, Ecology.

Date/amount of grants - July 1998: \$250,000

Status - This area spent most of the first year developing a Memorandum of Agreement (link on website) which was finalized in March 1999. The planning unit currently plans on completing a comprehensive plan that will address water quantity, water quality, habitat, and flows. Have contracted with the USGS and are proceeding with phase 2. The USGS is compiling and assessing available information on watershed sub-basin delineation, evapotranspiration, precipitation, ground water systems, soils, historic, current, and potential future land use, and estimations of actual water use.

An Instream Flow Conference was held in September 1999. The purpose was to achieve agreement among the invited experts on the most appropriate method(s) for estimating an accurate relationship between streamflow and fish habitat quantity and quality in WRIA.

- A public workshop on the instream flow report (being prepared by Utah State University) will be conducted in January, 2000 and a final report that describes the recommended approach for estimating the relationship between streamflow and fish habitat quantity and quality will be delivered on March 3, 2000.
- An evaluation of existing water rights applications, permits, certificates, and claims has been started under the supervision of the Public Utility District. Two full-time staff have been hired.
- Streamflow measurements are being collected under an interagency agreement between the USGS and the Bureau of Indian Affairs on

behalf of the Lummi Nation and Nooksack Tribe. The Lummi Nation contracted with the USGS to train 28 staff members from the Initiating Governments in wading streamflow measurement techniques; the staff members are now assisting in the streamflow data collection effort.

- Bathymetric studies of Lake Whatcom have been completed and aerial topographic mapping will be conducted in early 2000 through an agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Their plan will be due in August 2003. Additional information is available directly from the project website at: <http://www.wria1project.wsu.edu>

San Juan - WRIA 2

Lead Agency - San Juan Health

Initiating Governments - San Juan County, Town of Friday Harbor

Planning Unit Representation - San Juan County, Friday Harbor, Roche Harbor and Eastsound Water Users, representative from the Citizen's Water Advisory Committee, an environmental scientist, a marine biologist, manager of commercial shellfish operation, two local farmers, two small public water system managers, member of the Eastsound sewer district, member from the drilling industry, member from the development industry, member from the logging industry, member from the commercial fishing industry.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$50,000 & 1999: \$200,000

Status - Received a grant for phase 2 -assessment in the fall of 1999.

Lower/Upper Skagit - WRIA 3/4

Lead Agency - Skagit Council of Governments

Initiating Governments - Skagit PUD, Anacortes, Skagit County, Swinomish Tribe, Mount Vernon

Planning Unit Representation - Skagit PUD, Anacortes, Skagit County, Swinomish Tribe, Washington State Department of Ecology, Federal Government, Agriculture, Recreation, Environmental, Economic, Commercial Fishing, Unaffiliated Watershed Representative.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$453,956 & 1999: \$21,044

Status - They are proceeding with phase 2 which will include instream flows. The phase 2 work began in October of this year, which will mean that their plan will be due October 2003.

Island - WRIA 6

Lead Agency - *Island County Public Works*

Initiating Governments - *Island County, City of Langley, City of Oak Harbor.*

Planning Unit Representation - under discussion, currently a County-formed citizen advisory group, County representatives, city of Oak Harbor, and State Agencies.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$50,000

Status - The lead agency is continuing to organize - phase 1. Issues to be resolved are: applicability of several RCW 90.82 required components of the water quantity assessment to island hydrology, relationship between watershed planning and water-rights permitting, planning unit make-up and decision-making.

Snohomish - WRIA 7

Co-Lead Agencies - *Tulalip Tribe and City of Everett*

Initiating Governments - *City of Everett, Tulalip Tribes, Snohomish County, King County, Alderwood Water District*

Planning Unit Representation - Not formed

Date/amount of grants - 1999: \$50,000

Status - The lead agencies have not signed grant contract yet.

Nisqually - WRIA 11

Lead Agency - *Nisqually Indian Nation*

Initiating Governments - *Nisqually Indian Nation, Thurston County, Lewis County, Pierce County, City of Yelm, City of Olympia, Ashford Water District.*

Planning Unit Representation - Nisqually Indian Tribe, Pierce, Thurston County, Lewis County, Yelm, Eatonville, Olympia, Lacey and Elbe Water District. Expanded planning unit participation is getting underway and will involve a range of stakeholder interests in the watershed.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$250,000

Status - The Nisqually planning unit has been meeting since February 1999 and will complete the memorandum of agreement signature process in the fall of 1999. Expanded stakeholder participation in the Planning Unit is now underway and a scope of work for phase 2 is being finalized. Phase 2 work will be getting underway early in 2000.

Chambers-Clover - WRIA 12

Lead Agency - *Tacoma Pierce Health Department*

Initiating Governments - *Lakewood Water District, City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Puyallup Tribe.*

Planning Unit Representation - Right now they expect to include a wide range of interests in the planning unit, including tribes, business, environment, government, citizens, etc.

Date/amount of grants - July 1998: \$47,706, October 1999: \$2,294

Status - A memorandum of agreement between the initiating governments was finalized and signed the fall of 1999. They expect to move to phase 2 in the winter of 2000.

Deschutes - WRIA 13

Lead Agency - *Thurston County Water & Waste Management*

Initiating Governments - *Thurston County, Lewis County, City of Olympia, Thurston PUD #1, Squaxin Island Tribe.*

Planning Unit Representation - Agriculture, Aquaculture, Forestry Industrial, Forestry-Private, Development, Industry: Major water user, Business, Water supplier: Nongovernment: Fisheries, Henderson Watershed Council, Eld Watershed Council, Deschutes watershed resident, Thurston County, Lewis County, Squaxin Island Tribe, City of Olympia, City of Lacey, Town of Rainier, Thurston Co. PUD #1, Thurston Conservation Commission, Ecology.

Date/amount of grants - July 1998: \$47,706, October 1999: \$202,294

Status - A memorandum of agreement amongst all governmental agencies was developed. The planning unit has received funding to begin phase 2 in October 1999. Phase 2 will include water quality, flows, and habitat. Their plan will be due October 2003.

Kennedy Goldsborough - WRIA 14

Lead Agency - *Mason County.*

Initiating Governments - *City of Shelton, PUD #1, Thurston County, Mason County, Grays Harbor County, Squaxin Island Tribe*

Planning Unit Representation - Has not been formed.

Date/amount of grants - 1999: \$50,000

Status - Just received funding in the fall of 1999.

Kitsap - WRIA 15

Lead Agency - Skagit Council of Governments
Initiating Governments - Kitsap County, King County, Pierce County, Mason County, City of Bremerton, Silverdale Water District. *Invited Tribes:* Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and Suquamish Tribe
Planning Unit Representation - Has not been formed.

Date/amount of grants - 1999: \$50,000
Status - Just received funding in the fall of 1999.

Skokomish Dosewallips - WRIA 16

Lead Agency - Mason County
Initiating Governments - Jefferson County, Mason County, Grays Harbor County, PUD #1, Skokomish Tribe.
Planning Unit Representation - Has not been formed.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$47,706 & 1999: \$2,294
Status - They are developing a memorandum of agreement among initiating governments.

Quilcene-Snow - WRIA 17

Lead Agency - Jefferson Health Department
Initiating Governments - Jefferson County, Clallam County, City of Port Townsend, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.
Planning Unit Representation - Point No Point Treaty Council, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Skokomish Tribe, Jefferson County, Port Townsend, Jefferson County PUD, Trout Unlimited, Wild Olympic Salmon, Jefferson Water Utility Coordinating Council, Jefferson County Conservation District, Marrowstone Island Groundwater, Port Townsend Paper Mill, Clallam County, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$242,603 & 1999: \$7,397
Status - They will be issuing a Request for Proposals for a stage one technical assessment and solidifying the composition and responsibilities of the planning unit.

Elwha-Dungeness - WRIA 18

Lead Agency - Clallam County
Initiating Governments - Clallam, Jefferson, City of Port Angeles, Elwha Klallam Tribe, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.
Planning Unit Representation:
Elwha-Morse Management Team - West End of WRIA 18: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, City of Port Angeles, Clallam County, Ecology, Federal government - National Park Service, civic organizations, education caucus, environmental caucus, recreation caucus, forestry caucus, industry caucus - Daishowa Mill, property owners, water purveyors, fisheries and commercial/economic development.

Dungeness River Management Team - East End of WRIA 18: Clallam County, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Ecology, WDFW, North Olympic Land Trust, Protect the Peninsula's Future, Dungeness-Quilcene Planning process participant, Recreational fisheries, Sequim Dungeness Water Users Association, City of Sequim, Clallam County Conservation District, Dungeness Beach Association, Dungeness Meadows Association, Riverside landowner, USFWS - advisory, USFS - advisory.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$242,603 & 1999: \$7,397
Status - The initiating governments have two planning units operating, one in the Dungeness subbasin and one in the Elwha subbasin. In the Dungeness they are proceeding with phase 2 and plan to include water quality, habitat and flows. The administration of an additional planning unit has placed an increased financial burden on the process for watershed planning in this WRIA.

Lyre-Hoko/Soleduck-Hoh - WRIA 19/20

Lead Agency - Clallam County
Initiating Governments - Clallam County, Clallam County PUD #1, Makah Tribe, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Quileute Tribe, Hoh Tribe, City of Forks, Jefferson County.
Planning Unit Representation - Planning unit not formed yet.
Date/amount of grants - 1999: \$75,000
Status - Just received funding in the fall of 1999.

Lower/Upper Chehalis - WRIA 22/23

Lead Agency - *Lewis County until November 1999 the selection of a new lead agency is underway.*

Initiating Governments - *Grays Harbor County, Lewis County, Mason County, Thurston County, Aberdeen, Centralia, Chehalis Confederated Tribe.*

Planning Unit Representation - *Grays Harbor County, Lewis County, Mason County, Thurston County, Aberdeen, Centralia, Chehalis, Cosmopolis, Hoquiam, McCleary, Montesano, Napavine, Ocean Shores, PeEll, Chehalis Confederated Tribes, Quinault Indian Nation, Port of Centralia, Boistfort Valley Water Co., Grays Harbor Water District #2, Citizen - Grays Harbor County (vacant), Citizen - Lewis County, Citizen - Mason County (vacant), Citizen - Thurston County, WA Department of Agriculture, WA Department of Ecology, WA Department of Fish & Wildlife, WA Department of Natural Resources, Business (vacant), Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force, WA Cattleman's Association, Weyerhaeuser.*

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$453,956 & 1999: \$21,044

Status - The planning unit selected a consultant in September 1999 to begin work on phase 2. Phase 2 will include water quality, habitat and instream flows. The plan will be due in the fall of 2003.

Grays-Elokoman/Cowlitz - WRIA 25/26

Lead Agency - *Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board*

Initiating Governments - *Wahkiakum County, Cowlitz County, Pacific County Lewis County, Skamania County, City of Longview, City of Kelso, invited: Yakama Indian Nation.*

Planning Unit Representation - *Cowlitz County, Lewis County, Wahkiakum County, Longview, Castle Rock, Cathlamet, Kelso, Winlock, Toledo, Cowlitz Tribe, Diking District, Beacon Hill Sewer District, Cowlitz PUD, Lewis PUD, Wahkiakum PUD, Department of Ecology, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, USFS, Weyerhaeuser, Lower Columbia Contractors Association, River Cities Chamber, WFFA, Tacoma Power, Lewis County Farm Bureau, McGhee Well Diggers, Cowlitz Game and Anglers, Friends of Cowlitz, Audubon Society.*

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$72,706

Status - Finished putting together a planning unit in August 1999. Still working on operational issues for the planning unit, completed consensus training in November. Plan to move to phase 2 the winter of 2000.

Lewis/Salmon-Washougal - WRIA 27/28

Lead Agency - *Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board*
Initiating Governments - *Skamania County, Cowlitz County, Clark County, City of Woodland, City of Vancouver, invited: Yakama Indian Nation*

Planning Unit Representation - *Clark County, Cowlitz County, Skamania County, City of Camas, Battle Ground, Kalama, La Center, Washougal, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Woodland, Yacolt, Cowlitz Tribe, Clark County PUD, Cowlitz PUD, Department of Ecology, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, USFS, Woodland Diking District, Port of Kalama, Weyerhaeuser, Responsible Growth Forum, Clark EDC, Fish First, C-W Fish and Wildlife League, Citizen-at-Large, Clark Skamania Fly Fishers.*

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$75,000

Status - The planning unit was finalized in August 1999. They are still working on operational issues for the planning unit and completed consensus training in November. They plan to move to phase 2 the winter of 2000.

Wind-White Salmon - WRIA 29

Lead Agency - *Skamania County*

Initiating Governments - *Skamania County, Klickitat County, Yakima County, City of White Salmon, invited: Yakama Indian Nation.*

Planning Unit Representation - *Planning unit not formed yet.*

Date/amount of grants - 1999: \$50,000

Status - Just received funding the fall of 1999.

Klickitat - WRIA 30

Lead Agency - *Klickitat County*

Initiating Governments - *Klickitat, City of Goldendale, Klickitat Public Utility District, Yakima County, invited: Yakama Indian Nation.*

Planning Unit Representation - *Planning unit not formed yet.*

Date/amount of grants - 1999: \$50,000

Status - They just received funding this fall for organizing their planning unit. However, they have been doing significant work on their own and expect to be ready to move to phase 2 this winter.

Lower Yakima/Naches/Upper Yakima - WRIA 37/38/39

Lead Agency - Tri-County Water Resource Agency
Initiating Governments - Benton County, Yakima County, Kittitas County, City of Yakima, City of Ellensburg, Sunnyside Irrigation District, Roza Irrigation District, Kittitas Irrigation District.

Planning Unit Representation - Membership on the planning unit has fluctuated since the onset of Watershed Planning in the Yakima Basin. Currently broader representation is desired and parties interested in becoming a member of the planning unit are encouraged to apply.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$672,705

Status - Phase 2 is ongoing with April 2000 as the goal for completion of the assessment. The technical committees for groundwater, surface water quantity, water quality and habitat are meeting regularly.

Moses Coulee/Foster Creek - WRIA 44/50

Lead Agency - Foster Creek Conservation District
Initiating Governments - Douglas County, Grant County, Okanogan County, East Wenatchee, Bridgeport, Colville Confederated Tribes, Bridgeport Irrigation District #1, East Wenatchee Water District.

Planning Unit Representation - They plan to launch the planning unit in early January 2000.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$72,706

Status - The initiating governments and the lead agency have spent time putting together an inter-governmental agreement to replace the memorandum of agreement. They expect to have their planning unit operational by January 2000 and to move to phase 2 by May 2000.

Wenatchee - WRIA 45

Lead Agency - Chelan County

Initiating Governments - Chelan County, Wenatchee Reclamation District, City of Wenatchee.

Planning Unit Representation - Not formed yet

Date/amount of grants - 1999: \$50,000

Status - They just received funding this fall for organizing their planning unit. However, they have been doing significant work on their own and expect to be ready to move to phase 2 this winter.

Entiat - WRIA 46

Lead Agency - Chelan Conservation District
Initiating Governments - Chelan County, City of Entiat, Entiat Irrigation District.

Planning Unit Representation - Local Government, Yakama Nation, Local Landowners, Local Businesses, Environmental Organizations, State Agencies, Federal Agencies.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$190,309 & 1999: \$59,691

Status - The planning unit entered phase 2 in September 1999. Currently the planning unit is reviewing a Draft Plan and plan of work developed under a Coordinated Resource Management Planning Process, and has formed sub-committees to address plan and workplan elements for water quantity, water quality, instream flow, and habitat. The instream flow sub-committee is planning an instream flow conference and training for March of 2000.

Methow - WRIA 48

Lead Agency - Okanogan County
Initiating Governments - Okanogan County, Methow Valley Irrigation District, Colville Confederated Tribe, City of Twisp.

Planning Unit Representation - Pateros, Twisp, Upper Methow, Chewuch, Okanogan County, Recreation, Agriculture, Beaver Creek, Environmental, Goat/Wolf Creek, Colville Tribe, Business, E. Lower Methow, MVID, Early Winters, Methow Valley Canal Associates, Ground Water Action Committee, Fish, W. Lower Methow, Pilot Project.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$138,016 & 1999: \$111,984

Status - The planning unit meets regularly and they are working on the scope for phase 2.

Little/Middle Spokane - WRIA 55/57

Lead Agency - *Spokane County*

Initiating Governments – *Spokane, Stevens and Pend Oreille counties, City of Spokane, Whitworth Water District, Vera Water District.*

Planning Unit Representation – Washington Lands Council, Spokane Joint Aquifer Board, Friends of the Little Spokane River, Ecology, Washington Fish and Wildlife, Department of Health, WA State Dairy Federation, Spokane Tribe, Spokane Regional Health, League of Women Voters, Spokane Homebuilders Assoc., Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce, Spokane Economic Development Council, Washington Environmental Council, Center for Environmental Law and Policy, Kaiser Aluminum, Inland Empire Paper, Avista Utilities, Spokane Canoe and Kayak Club, Pend Oreille Conservation District, US EPA, Spokane County Conservation District.

Date/amount of grants – 1998: \$460,204 & 1999: \$14,796

Status – Signatures for an interlocal memorandum of agreement are pending. The planning unit and the state caucus are formed and operating and the phase 2 work plan is finalized. Work on phase 2 will begin in January 2000.

Hangman - WRIA 56

Lead Agency - *Spokane County Conservation District*

Initiating Governments - *Spokane County, Whitman County, City of Spokane, Hangman Hills Water District No. 15.*

Planning Unit Representation - Planning unit not formed yet.

Date/amount of grants - 1999: \$50,000

Status - Just received funding in the fall of 1999.

Colville - WRIA 59

Lead Agency - *Stevens County Conservation District*

Initiating Governments - *Stevens County, City of Colville, Stevens County PUD #1, Spokane Tribe.*

Planning Unit Representation - Not formed yet.

Date/amount of grants -1999: \$50,000

Status - Just received funding in the fall of 1999.

Pend Oreille - WRIA 62

Lead Agency - *Pend Oreille Conservation District*

Initiating Governments - *Pend Oreille County, City of Newport, Kalispel Tribe, Pend Oreille Public Utility District.*

Planning Unit Representation - Pend Oreille County Planning, Pend Oreille Newsprint, Development, Pend Oreille Weed Board, Pend Oreille PUD, Farming/Diking District, Kalispell Tribe, WDFW, Ecology, Cominco American, Montana & Idaho, NRCS, Seattle City Light, US Forest Service, Pend Oreille Environmental Team.

Date/amount of grants - 1998: \$47,706

Status - They have been meeting as a planning unit for several months and expect to move to phase 2 in February 2000.

